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ISSUE: LOC/CRS Manuscript Referrals to CIA (Author has a CIA prepublication review obligation but writes officially for LOC/CRS).

Thank you for the additional clarification, especially in terms of the Congressional confidentiality of the work being done. The PRB's only function is to safeguard classified information. It is not our intention to interfere with your mandate to provide confidential and unclassified research and analysis to the Congress.

Upon further consideration, given the unique circumstances of your situation, the Board proposes that only if the manuscript, in LOC/CRS' professional judgment, fell under the "very limited exception" category, should you feel free to share it with CIA/PRB as a referral. In such cases, please be assured that the PRB will treat the information in a confidential manner, will review it quickly, and is only concerned with the identification of CIA-classified information within the text. As you described your typical process, this is a highly unlikely occurrence, but we tend to err on the side of caution in these matters.

However, it is clear that any nonofficial (personal) manuscript that meets any of the submission criteria should be submitted directly to the CIA/PRB by the author.

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